



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 609***

LCO No. 2191

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE FEDERAL FUNDING WITH RESPECT TO  
CERTAIN HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy  
2       and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social  
3       Services, the Comptroller and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis,  
4       shall evaluate the potential effect of recent federal legislation  
5       concerning Medicare prescription benefits, Medicaid, disproportionate  
6       share (DSH) payments, and employer-sponsored retirement plans,  
7       upon existing state policies and procedures, including prescription  
8       benefits for retired state employees and benefits provided to persons  
9       who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and shall  
10      develop recommendations to maximize the amount of federal funding  
11      received by the state for such purposes. Not later than January 1, 2005,  
12      the secretary shall submit findings and recommendations, including  
13      proposed administrative and legislative changes necessary to  
14      implement such findings and recommendations, to the joint standing  
15      committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
16      relating to appropriations and human services, in accordance with the

17 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To maximize the amount of federal funding for which the state is eligible under new provisions of federal law related to Medicare, Medicaid, DSH payments and employer-sponsored retirement plans providing prescription benefits.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*